



Welcome to the Barn Owls

Parents Meeting - June 2022



Reception Staff

Mary Raffell

Barn Owls Class Teacher

Sue Dance

Full time Teaching Assistant

1:1 staff in here too

Tonight's Meeting

- To help your child make the best possible start to school.
- To help you to understand the curriculum that your child will be covering in the reception class.
- To understand how we teach in order to cover the requirements of the curriculum.
- To identify the key ways in which you can help your child at home and in school.

What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

- The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the stage of education for children from birth to the end of the Reception year.
- It is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning.

Three prime areas of learning and development

- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Four specific areas of learning and development

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design



The three characteristics of effective learning -

- Playing and exploring
- Active learning
- Creating and thinking critically

A typical day in Reception...

- 8.55 am Come in, hang coat up, self register and do some funky finger activities (fine motor activity)
- 9.15 am Phonics in Carpet Kingdom
- 9.40 am Investigate, Explore & Discover - Inside/Outside
- 10.30 am Snack - prepared by two children
- 10.45 am Investigate, Explore & Discover
- 11.30 am Get ready for lunch/story
- 11.50 am Lunch
- 1.15 pm Register
- 1.20 pm Maths practical activity
- 1.40pm Play/Projects Monday & Tuesday
Adventure Island Wednesday
Investigate/Explore/Discover Thursday
Music Friday
- 2.45 pm Story & get ready for home

Adventure Island

Each week the children will enjoy a session in Adventure Island with Mrs Dance, Mrs Burns and Mrs Lydon.



The first couple of weeks

As part of effective transition into Reception, we are implementing a **staggered start** for the first 2 weeks.

School starts on Monday 5th September - that week the children will attend for mornings only. Please pick up your child at 11.50am from outside our classroom.

Monday 12th - Friday 16th the children will stay for lunch. Please pick up your child at 12.30pm from outside our classroom..

Home visits (20 minutes) will take place in the first 2 weeks in the afternoons. Please let me have the form back and I will let you know by email in September which time you have been allocated.

Monday 19th September. All children begin school full time. School finishes at 3.15pm.

The first few weeks

We will spend time getting to know your children and will find out what they already know and can do.

We spend lots of our time talking to the children about what they are learning. We may record some 'Wow' moments on Tapestry but largely we assess and move children on 'in the moment' and so not everything gets recorded.

Less time behind an Ipad and more time with them!
Baseline Assessment towards the end of the first half term.



You will be invited to discuss how your child has settled in and their progress so far at the parents evening just before half term in October.

Medical Matters

- Any sickness, diarrhoea, must be followed by 48 hours absence.
- Any absence requires a note or telephone call explaining why/form completed from the office.
- Head lice are common! Please check regularly and treat as recommended.
- Any medicines can only be administered by prior arrangement.

NO

NUTS

Or products containing nuts to be brought into school.

No peanut butter, cereal bars with peanuts, chocolate with peanuts, bread with sesame seeds etc

Uniform

- White polo top or shirt
- Grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore/summer dress
- Blue sweatshirt/cardigan with logo or plain
- Sensible shoes that your child can put on themselves! Velcro is best!

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

Other important things!

- Your child will be in one of 4 colour teams - red, yellow, blue or green
- Golden Star - reward for anything!
- PTFA - Please get involved if you can.
- Class rep - organise the cake stall
- School Matters on a Friday as well as a weekly letter from me informing you what we've been up to - who has had a certificate or who has been invited to Good Manners Café.
- Volunteers - reading/helping in the classroom
- Buddies - Your child will have a buddy from Year 6



What does my child need at school?

- **Coat**- can leave a water proof coat at school
- **Wellies**- please leave these in school on a peg outside
- **Plastic Book bag**- please bring everyday so reading books/home school diary can be transported safely
- **Water bottle**- We can fill it at school

What can I do to help my child ?

- Coats
- Toilet- independently
- Count/start to recognise their name
- Read lots of stories and poems
- Play games
- Go quickly in the morning
- Fill in their 'All About Me' sheets.

And Finally...

If you have any worries or concerns please do ask or email admin@newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk and we will do our best to help you 😊

“It is not what you do for your children but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings.”

Ann Landers

Thank you for coming - any questions ?